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(*c*) how the Government propose to remove the inequality, if any, in the actual working out of the general cut in salaries?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The whole matter is under the consideration of Government and they are not in a position to make any announcement at present. An announcement will be made as soon as final decisions are reached.

Proposals regarding retrenchment.

* 496 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Retrenchment Committee is expected to conclude their sittings and finish their labours;

(*b*) what the probable amount will be that can be saved after effecting these retrenchments;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to cut the salaries of officers; and

(*d*) if so, on what scale, and in what order?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*b*) of Question No. 494.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 345-A.

(*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 495.

Recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee.

*497 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will place before the Council the recommendations of the Retrenchment Officer and the Retrenchment Committee and the decisions of the Government thereon before the same are given effect to; and

(*b*) what is the procedure the Government propose to follow in this matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply to Question No. 345-A in which full answer has been given.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask the Government whether all the retrenchment proposals will be placed before the Members of this House to enable them to make their suggestions to the Members of the Retrenchment Committee before the latter meet to consider them?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"I have already said that the suggested procedure would practically mean that we have to place every item before this House. That is not practical. If that is to be done, we will never get the retrenchment proposals completed in time."